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Where there's a Wilkinson...

Fire-damaged store re-opens in less than two weeks

by Dick Townsend-Smith

THE fire-ravaged Wilkinson store in Woolwich was back in business at 9am last Friday – defying the previous week's riots. Greenwich Mayor Jim Gilman joined store managers and representatives from Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre Group to officially reopen the store shortly before 9am last Friday. It opened less than two weeks after the store on Woolwich New Road was set

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THE opening of Wilkinson is one of the first signs of Woolwich's recovery from the disturbances which occurred a fortnight ago. As I write, the Mayor of Greenwich has just re-opened the store and it is a real pleasure to see so many of the young employees, recruited locally back in their jobs. We have been fully engaged in ensuring businesses do not fail in this critical period where many of them are struggling to trade. I am indebted to many council staff, our police and fire services and many others who have offered help and assistance to keep our local businesses afloat. I was pleased to welcome Bob Neill, local government minister to the borough on the day the government announced its assistance programmes. His visit also gave us the chance to try to shape the nature of the assistance programmes to what our businesses actually need. I am far less enamoured with our media. It is galling to witness Sky News interviewing rioters, dressed as though they

were attending a paramilitary funeral, on the shores of Greenwich and then permitting them to walk away after confessing their crimes on camera. After the News of the World, it appears our media have learnt no moral lessons about how to behave. Even the BBC has not distinguished itself. They own our Big Screen in Woolwich and yet, despite showing the riots live and screening programmes like Crimewatch, they refuse to let us post CCTV images of rioters on their screen in Woolwich. The last thing Woolwich needs at this time is a media circus. What we need, what our shopkeepers need and what the hundreds of people who work in those shops need, is not a fixation with burnt out buildings but getting back into our shops and all of us buying what we need from our local businesses. If you want to support Woolwich, Eltham, Charlton or Thamesmead the answer is simple - shop there.

Cllr Chris Roberts
Greenwich Council leader

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Family concerned for missing teenager

THE family of a missing teenager say they're struggling to cope following her disappearance. As GT went to press 17-year-old Amna Ali' from Thamesmead was still missing.

Amna was last seen at around 3pm on Wednesday, August 10, when she left the family home. Police say they're worried about her and say she could have been using dating websites recently. Her father Mansoor Ali said he and his wife are desperate for news. "We're just trying to cope - it's a very, very difficult time. We really don't know what has happened," he told GT. "My wife told me she hadn't come home and I just started running around on the streets trying to find her - I thought she may have

crashed her car. When I couldn't find her I contacted the police. My wife is crying all the time then when I see her upset I start crying myself."

Amna - who goes to school in Beckenham - failed to collect her AS results last Thursday and the family say it would be very out of character for her not to want to find out what she got.

Amna is 5ft 4ins, slim built and has dark brown, curly hair and brown eyes - and hasn't gone missing before. The last time she was seen, she was wearing a floral multi-coloured purple top, light pink purse bag worn across her body, large blue dangly earrings, brown and blue beaded bracelets and a distinctive necklace with a large 'A' pendant. Detective Constable Sam



MISSING: Amna hasn't been seen since August 10

Nottle said: "Amna's family are concerned about her welfare and want her to return home as soon as possible. We are aware that Amna had contacted a number of people on dating websites and it is possible that she might be meeting

some of these individuals. Anyone with information should contact police in Greenwich as soon as possible."

Police add that Amna could also be using a different name - Amna Ali Khan, Aliyah Ali Khan, Amna Allya and possibly the surname Dacosta. Police also have reasons to believe that she might have travelled to the Spark Hill area of Birmingham.

One of Amna's acquaintances is believed to have seen her in Catford around 10:30pm, whilst another teenager was able to contact her on her mobile phone on Saturday, August 13.

● Anyone with any information should call DC Nottle and her team at Plumstead Police Station on 020 8284 7713.



STUNNING LOCATION: company bosses benefit from a range of facilities at Mitre Passage

Mitre high

Firms flock to new digital business centre

by Dick Townsend-Smith

FIRMS are moving in to a new digital business complex on the Greenwich Peninsula, and taking advantage of an unrivalled package of facilities.

Called Digital Enterprise Greenwich and managed by Greenwich Council, the centre takes up the top two floors of the stunning Mitre Passage building on the Peninsula.

Digital businesses are being urged by the council to go and take a look. The facility offers a range of unique opportunities, such as the chance to locate in a stunning environment and to collaborate with established like-minded businesses at a site next door to the world-class Ravensbourne building. Under an agreement with Ravensbourne, businesses in Mitre Passage can also

access its facilities

One firm which has already moved in is Fail Better Games, which employs five people and designs computer games. Director Alexis Kennedy told GT: "We used to be based at the Incubation Centre at Ravensbourne, and moved here a few weeks ago. We think it is really great, and the facilities here are really good."

Part of Greenwich University's School of Computing Sciences and Mathematics has also moved in, and will offer access to the university's software engineering expertise.

The facilities include a range of small cellular offices, open-plan workstation options, touch-down facilities, plug and play office space, meeting rooms and hot-desking. Prices are competitive, and terms are flexible.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise

and skills, said: "The Digital Enterprise Centre is, without doubt, a stunning location which offers the full package."

"We have first-class communications facilities coupled with a fantastic office provision - but this isn't just about the space. Businesses which come here will form part of a digital community which can only help bring them success via the networking and collaboration opportunities. They can also tap into the wealth of digital knowledge at the world-renowned Ravensbourne next door, which will work extremely closely with businesses of any size who set up here. The Peninsula, and the borough as a whole, present an extremely attractive offer to anyone wishing to bring their business here."

● For further information about the centre call or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk

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We're here to help

Council organises business support for riot victims

GREENWICH Council is working hard to make sure local businesses get back on their feet after the riots.

Last Tuesday small business owners were invited to a special business surgery where they could get advice and support from specialist agencies. And around 50 local businesses attended a Back to Business meeting in Woolwich – where the Woolwich Traders Forum was re-launched last Thursday.

Business-owners were invited by Greenwich Mayor Jim Gillman who thanked businesses for their efforts in overcoming the challenges of recent days. “Re-launching the Woolwich Traders Forum will further help communication between traders and the council and police as we all move forward with the common goal of getting back to business in Woolwich,” he told them.

Businesses received information about the High Street Support Scheme after the government announced that Greenwich will get one of the largest shares of the fund – recognition that the borough was one of those worst hit by the civil unrest. The leader and chief executive of the Council, cabinet members and the police's borough commander, Richard Wood, were all at last Thursday night's meeting to answer any questions.

Last Tuesday's business surgery at the Citizens Gallery in Powis Street, Woolwich, was organised by the council to support smaller businesses affected by the disturbances. It followed an earlier breakfast meeting for larger organisations on August 12.

Around 60 small business-owners went to the drop-in advice session where they got support and advice from around 11 specialist agencies.

Alex and Chris Chantry who own Laura C Jewellers in Eltham went to the surgery to see if their council tax could be deferred. Alex told GT: “We are feeling pretty deflated at the moment. The rioters ripped the shutters, smashed windows and doors and took around £15,000 worth of goods.”

Solanki Pharat, who runs St James Pharmacy on Powis Street, told GT his shop had escaped major damage but that his business has been affected because of restricted access to the area while

work was carried out on neighbouring businesses. He wanted to learn more about the government's compensation scheme.

Abdul Shakoor owns two shops in Woolwich - Broadway Shoes and Game X Boy - which were both vandalised and looted. Mr Shakoor lost around £25,000 worth of stock and is now hoping to get some support from the government so he can survive. He said: “I've received some really good advice and help with regards to filling out insurance forms.”

JP Bassi, who owns the off licence JP Stores explained that although the shop was not damaged in the rioting, it was forced to shut down for three days.

“Business has been very slow. I came to get advice on some form of compensation from the government's scheme and to see if I could have some discount on business rates,” he told GT.

After receiving calls from local people offering financial help, the council has now set up a ‘Greenwich Backing Local Business’ fund to help local businesses and residents who've been impacted.

Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts said: “We've established this fund to make sure that those who most need help can access funds quickly and easily. We've seen an outpouring of goodwill from the community in reaction to the attacks on our town centres and we have put the mechanisms in place to make sure that those who want to help really can make a direct difference to people whose lives have been badly affected by the actions of the rioters and looters.”

You can make a donation to the fund by cheque, made payable to ‘Greenwich Backing Local Business Fund,’ and send to Greenwich Backing Local Business Fund, PO Box 252, London SE18 6RS; direct through the bank: Sort Code 08-90-29, Account Number 61675416, Account Name Greenwich Backing Local Business Fund; online at www.greenwich.gov.uk; in person at the Woolwich and Eltham Centres by cash, cheque, debit or credit card or by phone on 020 8854 8888 by debit or credit card.

● **Businesses who need help or advice should contact the Council's business team on 020 8921 8689 or business@greenwich.gov.uk**



EXPERT ADVICE: local business owners get information from a range of support agencies at last week's drop-in

Where there's a Wilkinson...

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ablaze during the disturbances on the night of August 8.

Managers paid tribute to dedicated staff who had worked tirelessly to make good the damage and get the store re-opened. Wilkinson's staff from all over the South East also rallied round, with up to 60 people coming in from as far away as Essex and West Sussex every day. “We had to replace everything. All the stock was either destroyed, had to go for salvage, or needed to be sent back to our depot. Both our staff and colleagues from other branches spent time cleaning floors and shelves, and filling up the shelves. They also cleaned up the upstairs warehouse, which was damaged by soot,” acting manager Matt Rigby told GT.

He added: “It's unbelievable how

quickly we were able to turn around the store, everyone was really geared up for it, and worked up to 10 hours a day to get it done. Wilkinson's staff are really good and always up for a challenge – this is when they are at their best.”

Customers initially had to enter the store through the car park in Vincent Road and Helen Street. But the pavement on Woolwich New Road was also reopened last Friday marking another step back to normality. The value home and leisure store opened on May 26 creating 89 jobs for local people.

Also ravaged in the same building was the council run services for young people called The Point. They managed to relocate to the Riverside Centre within two days.

● See story New base for The Point youth services on page 5

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Rioters should be frogmarched to Woolwich to help repair damage



IT'S THREE days after the riots and I have just visited Woolwich for

the first time and I was moved to tears to see what had been done to the town! I have lived in SE18 for nearly 60 years and during that time I have seen Woolwich go from a prosperous shopping centre (many people my age will remember Cuffs and Garretts department stores) to a squatters' paradise but recently it

had begun to pick up considerably. We got the DLR, the council started revamping General Gordon Square and better shops began to open in Powis Street. Now that has all been ruined by mindless thugs who, for some reason, seem to think that trashing their own neighbourhood will enrich their lives! Do they not realise that the

cost of repairing the town now means that the council will have less money to spend in other areas?

Maybe the parents of the rioters (and you must know who you are!) should frogmarch their kids down to Woolwich and get them involved in repairing the damage!

Ann Rowe, Plumstead

'We only have a functioning library in dry weather'

READING all the letters in praise of the new Woolwich Library has brought home to me the borough's 'Haves and Have Nots'. Let me explain: Woolwich is a 'Have' as it now has this fully functioning brand new library. Good Luck to Woolwich.

We in East Greenwich are the 'Have Nots'. We only have a functioning library in dry weather. If it rains, "tough", the library has to close due to flooding. This library is a disgrace. It is a listed building but looks derelict. Why can't the council get their act together, and sort this problem out once and for all?

On August 4 our reading group members turned up at the library to be met with a sign stuck on the door advising the public that the library was closed due to flooding. We had all made the effort of getting to the library; no-one had notified us of the closure.

It really isn't good enough. What has happened to the regular maintenance we were promised when the roof was repaired? The council should hang their heads in shame.

B.Horsham

● The council has a proud record of investment in its libraries and we have recently invested £1.45m in libraries across the borough. This was in addition to the refurbishment of the Eltham Centre library.

Unlike many other boroughs Greenwich is opening new libraries rather than closing them.

The council apologises for any inconvenience caused by the recent closure which arose following the theft of lead from the roof of the library which coincided with a heavy downpour.

Remedial works to make the building weather tight again were carried out as soon as possible. The council has recently approved a report to develop a new centre in East Greenwich on the site of the old District Hospital, which will include new library facilities for East Greenwich.

Evict tenants who loot

AS a council tenant myself I am still horrified by the effects of the recent disturbances which took place in Woolwich and other parts of our borough, and fully support Greenwich Council's decision to evict tenants who were involved. Anyone who vandalises buildings, sets them

on fire, loots shops and other businesses, attacks people and destroys our environment has no respect for their own community, is in breach of their tenancy agreement and does not deserve to be in social housing.

David Scales, Greenwich

Watch out for con artiste duo

I WOULD just like to warn GT readers to be careful who they answer the door to. We have had two more con artistes about, this time they say they're doing electrical work for a private company and need to check electric switches or replace them. They paid me a visit but got no-where with me and I know of three others who they have been to. They are preying on the elderly as usual so please be on your guard. There are two of them on foot.

Mr West, Blackheath

Will Wilkinson open again? Yes!

I WALKED around Woolwich in tears last Thursday surveying the devastating riot damage and one of the saddest sights was to see the new Wilkinson store burnt out.

I compared that awful sight to the happy morning back in May when my friend Hanna and I attended the opening of the store and how we heard so many people say how delighted they were that Wilkinson had arrived in Woolwich. The attached pic was taken of Hanna and I enjoying ourselves during the opening day



merriment. I look forward to the day when the store will reopen, or will it?

Maggie Rea, SE18
● The Mayor of Greenwich Cllr Jim Gillman

officially re-opened the store last Friday after a concerted effort by staff to clean and restock the shop as reported in our p1 story this week.

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley NEXT season, so get writing!

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NEAL PUTTOCK: 'This is one of my photos taken from a barge moored up a little way down from The O2'

United we stand

ADDICKS boss Chris Powell has added his voice to calls for the capital's professional football clubs to come together to use the power of the sport to address some of London's most serious social issues.

Last Monday, Charlton Community Trust vice-chairman Peter Varney appealed for London's clubs to join forces under the umbrella - London United - in a bid to bring communities together in the wake of this month's riots.

And Powell, the former chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, believes now is the right time for football to play its part in healing the capital's wounds.

"As a football club, I feel we have a vital role to play in our community and our society," said Chris. "That's something we've always done at Charlton anyway, but it's right at the forefront of people's minds at the moment, and it's arguably now more important than ever."

Charlton's Carling Cup tie against Reading at The Valley on August 9 was postponed following advice from police after the disturbances across the city.

But the impact of the riots has been most keenly felt within the trust, which comes into contact with 7,500 youngsters on the streets of SE London each week. Varney explained: "The concept of London United is something that has been discussed with London mayor Boris Johnson. It was something that was used recently to support London's bid to host the 2018 World

'This demonstrates how football can work to promote key social messages'

Charlton bosses urge communities to come together through power of sport



THE FORCE OF FOOTBALL: Addicks boss Chris Powell at the Valley, below, youngsters on a Trust football course with Charlton defender Matt Taylor, centre back row.



Cup but has never really been used effectively since. As a trust, we run numerous programmes which include projects aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and diverting young people into positive activities."

Over the past three years, the Charlton trust has received national acclaim for its 'Street Violence Ruins Lives' initiative, which was prompted by the death of Addicks supporter Rob

Knox in Sidcup in May 2008. Two seasons ago, Charlton's home match with rivals Millwall saw both teams remove their sponsors' logos from the front their shirts to replace them by the Street Violence Ruins Lives logo.

"This demonstrates how football can work to promote key social messages," said Varney, who is also the executive vice-chairman of the football club.

He went on: "We are also the

first football-related trust to appoint a crime reduction officer and the work he and his team are undertaking has had significant results with individual youngsters who have turned their backs on crime and are now in full-time education or pursuing a career. For example, one youngster previously arrested for carrying a knife is now studying to be an architect."

Peter added: "The pictures we have seen on our television screens in the last week are shocking but we need to recognise that the vast majority of young people in the capital are not involved in this type of behaviour. There is a small but sizeable minority that has become disconnected from society, and I believe football can play a role in using the power it has to get some of these youngsters back on track."

"London United could be the vehicle to make this happen, and I hope that in the coming weeks and months the authorities will do what they can to make such an initiative a reality."

Borough BRIEFS

Tenants group correction

FOLLOWING our story 'Say NO to cheap goods' in last week's GT, we would like to point out that Mr Gary Brown is not Chair of the Armstrong Tenants' Association, as suggested. In fact, he is Chair of the borough's Diversity Review Board, part of the Neighbourhood Panels organisation, and is also a member of the Woolwich Common Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

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New base for The Point youth services

A one-stop shop offering a range of advice services for young people has moved to a temporary new home after its premises in Woolwich New Road were damaged by fire in the riots. The Point has won awards for its youth support services. Hundreds of young people use the wide range of services each week, and setting up an alternative home for the service was one of the council's top priorities. Within a day and a half, staff had reopened for business in their new

temporary base at the Riverside Centre in Woolwich High Street. Services on offer include advice on education, training, employment and volunteering. Health-related advice includes a sexual health service, and support in dealing with drug and alcohol issues. There's also a dedicated housing service offering advice on housing options and help for under 21s who are homeless after leaving care. Cllr Jackie Smith, cabinet member for children and young people, said:

"August is a particularly critical time for young people making decisions about their future, once they have had their exam results. That made it all the more important to ensure that we kept this service running, and I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure the services reopened so speedily."

● Visit The Point at the Riverside Centre, Woolwich High Street SE18 6DF, between 9am and 5pm Mon-Fri, or call 020 8921 8224, or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/thepoint

Dozens arrested after police appeal

Call the confidential Crimestoppers number on 0800 555 111



POLICE have released more photographs of people they want to interview following the horrific nights of destruction when rioters looted and torched businesses in the borough.

These images were taken by CCTV cameras. Police want to talk to the suspects in relation to a number of offences including threatening police, breaking into premises and theft.

If you think you recognise anyone, call the confidential Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111, and quote the reference number of the person you think you can put a name to.

For clearer images, go to www.greenwich.gov.uk

As GT went to press, around 62 people had been arrested, including 53 adults, who were due to appear in court. Most were being charged with burglary, and several for handling stolen goods, possession of Cannabis, violent disorder, and possession of an offensive weapon. Their ages ranged from 13 to 48.

by Dick Townsend-Smith

Five of those arrested were of no fixed address, and 14 gave addresses from outside the borough.

Borough Commander Richard Wood, the borough's police chief, has again appealed for people to help the police in tracking down the rioters. He said: "Many arrests have already been made, but I would ask everyone to work with the police and help us identify those involved so we can arrest them at the first opportunity."

And he stressed: "I would also urge anyone involved in the disturbances to do the decent thing and give themselves up."

Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts also repeated his appeal for local residents to do all they could to help the police trace the suspects: "I would look at the images of those people the police need to trace and report, in confidence, anyone that you recognise."





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3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5580.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agent: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 140 St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8BA (quoting reference: PCL/TMO/PP10224), to arrive by 13th September 2011.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1962, the Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

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Growing for gold

Gardening pupils make their mark at horticultural show

by Dick Townsend-Smith

COOKING lessons are now on the menu for children at Bannockburn Primary School in Plumstead High Street.

It's the next stage in the school's links with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), which have created a passionate interest among children to grow - and then cook - their own vegetables.

For the past year, children and staff have been working with Jim Bliss, one of the society's horticulturalists, as part of the RHA's Campaign for School Gardening. Since then, the school has built eight more raised vegetable beds to add to the two they had already, and grown a huge amount and variety of vegetables. "I'm truly impressed by all the progress and dedication at Bannockburn and am proud of what they have achieved," said Jim.

The pupils have now tried salads and vegetables they had not tasted before, and many have been served with school dinners. Sheldon, aged nine, said: "I didn't used to like vegetables, but now I eat all kinds, especially peas and mange tout." Kai said: "I enjoyed digging the potatoes up...I found a whopper!" Vaishna from Reception said: "I loved pulling the potatoes out of the ground. We then peeled the potatoes and made cheesy mash. Yummy." And Howard added: "I enjoyed getting my hands dirty! The peas we grew were so tasty, I've never tasted peas like it before."

The young gardeners, aged three to 11, raised funds for a greenhouse, through a sponsored penalty shoot-out. They also hope to boost funds still further by growing enough plants and vegetables to sell and also by producing a cookbook. "Bannockburn will be expanding from September and we would like to extend gardening opportunities to our new site in Church Manorway," said headteacher, Rob Carpenter. "The gardening has proved an inspiration across the curriculum."

Bannockburn's after-school play club also built a scarecrow to enter a competition at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show. The theme of the show was Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Alice Through the Looking Glass, and their 1.6 metre-tall creation was a royal blue caterpillar made from clay, chicken wire and shredded carrier bags, seated upon a dried willow toadstool.

Called "Sir Caterpillar", it was one of only 45 to be shortlisted by the RHS for its July show as well as featuring in the show's catalogue, newspapers and on the BBC.

The school's fundraising officer, Deborah O'Boyle, told GT: "The children spent a wonderful day in the palace grounds - participating in a press conference, talking to RHS officers and questioning garden designers. Everyone at Bannockburn was delighted to learn that visitors to the show had awarded Sir Caterpillar third place."

She added: "The children really enjoy gardening with Jim Bliss, who has also held evening sessions for our staff and staff from other schools. We've noticed the children's attitude to eating vegetables has changed because they have grown them themselves, and they no longer say they don't like them."



TALENTED PUPILS: Bannockburn Play Club at Hampton Court with their award-winning caterpillar

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**Merger boosts
services for blind**

BLIND and visually impaired people in Greenwich are set for improved services following the merger of Blind Independence Greenwich (B.I.G) and the Royal London Society for Blind People (RLSB). The merger ensures that existing B.I.G services, such as advice sessions, classes in Braille and other skill, and social activities, will be guaranteed for the future. The RLSB link will also lead to an expansion of services available for visually impaired children and young people in the borough. Henry Bufford, chair of Blind Independence Greenwich said: "This exciting move ensures that B.I.G's services to Greenwich will not only continue long into the future but will expand and improve." Ian Stephenson, chair of the Royal London Society for Blind People said: "The merger is an excellent example of the way charities can protect and expand their services in these difficult times."

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KIDBROOKE: Jessica Campbell got 3A*, 1 A and is going to Edinburgh Uni; Bolaji Farinto got 3 Cs, 1 D and is going to U.C.A. uni; Hayley Rowden got 1A, 2 Bs for Manchester Uni; Theo Scholefield got 2 A*, 2 As and is going to Bristol Uni



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THOMAS TALLIS: Abbas Nooh got an A,B,C and is going to Brunel Uni; Adrian Anabihla got 2 As and 1 B to study Economics at Royal Holloway; Nikhil Patel got 2A*, 1 A, 1 C and is going Brunel Uni.

A level

by Dick Townsend-Smith

SCREAMS of excitement, tears of joy, emotional embraces and pats on the back swept through the borough's secondary schools on Thursday morning, as this year's A-level results were handed out to hundreds of anxious students.

For many it was the news they had been waiting for – confirmation that they had achieved the grades they needed to take up the university places they have been offered. Many had queued up, ready and waiting for the official 10.30am handing out time for the brown results' envelopes by teaching staff.

Almost two-thirds of A-level results achieved by borough students were at grade A* to C. Also receiving their results were students who had completed vocational BTEC qualifications. More than three-quarters of BTEC grades awarded in the borough were at grade A* to C. This was 13 per cent above the national rate.

Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Congratulations to all those students who have achieved grades to enable them to go on to university."

"As well as A-level successes we are also celebrating the achievements of those students who have taken post-16 vocational qualifications. The high level of good passes achieved in these qualifications underline the value that Greenwich schools and the council place on vocational education, and show the merits of staying on in education."

She added: "The council will continue to support schools in their commitment to vocational education at post-16 something that will be further strengthened through the proposed development of a new University Technology College in the north of the borough."

"At the same time we will continue to support our schools in raising still further the levels of achievement at A-level."

Students went through the whole range of emotions as they tore open their results last Thursday.

Maya Thomas-Davis, from Thomas Tallis

won a place at Balliol College Oxford to read English with three A*s. She rushed back from her travels across Europe to get her results and said: "I'm very happy and relieved. It's been brilliant to attend Tallis, I'm very happy I went there – the school's relaxed, informal approach to learning really suited me."

Robert Cohen got three A passes, joining Thomas Tallis in the sixth form, after going to The John Roan. He's off to Leeds to read English and music and told GT: "I was reasonably confident that I'd done well but I tried to put it out of my mind until Thursday morning. In the end I exceeded my offer so I was really pleased. Now I'm off to Leeds, I'm really looking forward to it."



Shiksha Baral, 19, lives in Woolwich and came to the UK from Nepal two years ago.

Despite an A* A, A, and a B in Maths/Further Maths, Chemistry and Biology, she's taking a gap year and will apply to do medicine.

"Since I left school I've been doing voluntary work in a hospital, it's been really helpful, and given me a very good insight into how doctors work with patients," she said.

Kidbrooke's Theo Scholefield, 18, got A* A* in Eng Lit and in Drama & T As in History and

Sociology and is off to Bristol to study Eng Lit. He said: "It was a big relief to get my results and very satisfying to see all my hard work had paid off."

Successful pupils from The John Roan school included Yuen Lan Chow who got four A*s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths plus an A in Cantonese Chinese. He's off to Imperial College to read Chemistry having arrived from Hong Kong just four years ago. He told GT: "It's thanks to the teachers at John Roan that I got such good grades. They have really helped me, especially when I first arrived and wasn't very good at understanding English."



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Two-thirds of pupils get A* to C grades and three-quarters get BTEC qualifications graded A* to C



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WOOLWICH POLYTECHNIC: students Tisho Pathmanathan, Daniel Skues, Jade Plummer, Courtney Barnes and Frederick King, all 18, with 17-year-old Amritpal Samra and Patience Faith, 19



JOHN ROAN: successful pupils include Omari Markland-Montgomery who clinched three As in Physics, Chemistry and Maths while Sean Galloway got an A grade in Physics, Economics and Maths

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- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
 English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
 French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
 Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka waxaa laga helaa:
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Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hattı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
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The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 31 August 2011 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 28 August 2011**

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply

Gibson Court - New Build

1. No pets
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3. Open Plan kitchen/Lounge
4. No Garden
5. Water Meter
6. Pre payment meter
7. Rent does NOT include Service charge



Ref Number: I32160
Davern Ct SE10
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Comm G/H
£100.93pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I32672
Greenbay Rd SE7
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£83.69pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I33079
Thornham St SE10
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£101.63 Bands A&B



Ref Number: I34340
Dyson Hse Blackwall La SE10
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£93.95pw Bands A&B



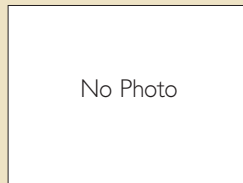
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£128.81pw Bands A&B



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2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Ent phn Rad C/H
Min 1 child over10
£126.11pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I35926
Dyson Hse Blackwall La SE10
3 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£99.27pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I35947
Maynard Hse Perrott St SE18
3 Bed 2nd Flr Mais
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£91.97pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I36326
Queenscroft Rd SE9
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat Gdn
Unlifted Rad C/H
£90.19pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I36386
Panfield Rd SE2
2 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
£95.81pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I36406
Ravens Way SE12
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£84.43pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I36526
Norman Rd SE10
2 Bed Grnd Flr Mais
Rad C/H
£99.20pw Bands A&B

Small is beautiful

the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

For more information
contact the Project Team on

020 8921 2671

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Ref Number: I33583
Frank Burton Close SE7
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
Max 2 child no pets
£126.23pw Bands A&B

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Only priority applicants can apply



Ref Number: I36530
Combwell Cres SE2
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£74.79pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I37064
Brent Rd SE18
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£83.84pw Bands A&B



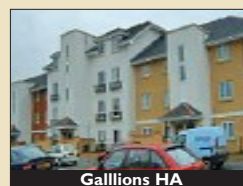
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Gilbourne Rd SE18
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£89.57pw Bands A&B



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Greenbay Rd SE7
1 Bed Grd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£83.69pw Bands A&B



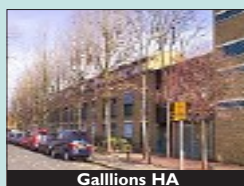
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Ruthin Rd SE3
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Pref to over 30's no pets
Rad C/H
£95.57pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I38413
Felixstowe Rd SE2
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H no dogs
£112.47pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I24951
**Egremont Hse
Russet Way SE13**
2 Bed 9th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Min 1 child any age
£95.66pw Band C



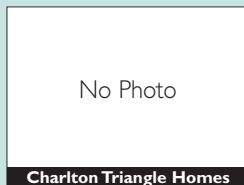
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Wren Path SE28
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H
Over 40's L/Acc shw
No dogs
£91.03pw Band C



Ref Number: I38373
**Goldcrest Close
Thamesmead SE28**
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn Rad C/H
Over 40's no dogs
£89.83pw Band C



Ref Number: I38392
Poplar PI SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Over 40's no dogs
Rad C/H
£88.48pw Band C



Ref Number: I38393
**Fairlawn Ct
Cherry Orch Est SE7**
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Ent phn Rad C/H
no dogs Min 1 child any age
£109.22pw Band C

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Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association
Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations

Team on
020 8921 2941

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties

For information or assistance contact our

Allocations Team on:

020 8921 2941 Textphone
(minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: **housing-allocations**

@greenwich.gov.uk

Fax: 020 8854 7212

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**.

All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Eltham Road, Lee SE12, Ground floor, Studio flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9, Ground Floor, Studio flat.

Langton way, Blackheath, SE3, 1st Floor, Studio Flat

Sam Manners House, Greenwich SE10,
1st Floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

No Vacancies

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 247

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Lansbury Court Saunders Way SE28 8DY	1	FLAT	218	24/10/2007	C
Raymond Postgate Court Tawney Road SE28 8DS	2	FLAT	239	07/04/2008	C
Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ET	2	FLAT	362	04/12/2007	C
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	2	FLAT	52	12/03/1964	A
Pendrell Street SE18 2PH	1	FLAT	58	06/08/2009	B
Cade Tyler House Blackheath Hill SE10 8TG	3	FLAT	34	15/10/2010	B
Farjeon Road SE3 8SA	1	FLAT	64	05/04/1993	A
Crescent House Bliss Crescent SE13 7RJ	2	FLAT	32	15/09/1997	A
Barney Close SE7 8ST	1	FLAT	255	01/07/2009	C
Valleyside Lansdowne Lane SE7 8TW	2	FLAT	271	03/09/2007	C
Jessup Close SE18 7HB	2	MAISONETTE	49	30/06/1986	A
Alnwick Road SE12 9BX	2	HOUSE	85	07/11/1977	A
The Course SE9 3JA	2	FLAT	52	01/10/2007	A
Edge Hill SE18 3TG	1	FLAT	21	15/01/2010	B
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LE	2	FLAT	17	12/04/2011	B
Mottisfont Road SE2 9LU	0	FLAT	196	30/08/2007	C
Dahlia Road SE2 0SU	1	FLAT	27	28/11/2008	B
Gregory Crescent SE9 5SA	3	FLAT	74	08/03/2010	A
Susan Road SE3 0JD	3	HOUSE	101	28/02/1980	A
Mabbett House Nightingale Place SE18 4HU	1	FLAT	21	07/06/2010	B
Kidbrooke Park Close SE3 0EF	2	FLAT	29	25/08/2008	A
Simmel Road SE12 9BG	1	FLAT	40	03/03/2003	A
Wren Path SE28 0DU	1	FLAT	198	09/08/2002	C
Valiant House Valley Grove SE7 8BE	2	FLAT	305	16/12/2008	C

For information or assistance

contact our Allocations Team on: 020 8921 2941

Textphone (minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk

Fax: 020 8854 7212

GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published 50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents. Greenwich**Home** adverts are included in every issue.



by Peter Cordwell

STORE staff turned up for work "in the purple" for a weekend of support for seven-year-old Freddie Farmer.

Sainsbury's in Eltham turned purple to support their charity for a year, the Freddie Farmer Foundation, on August 13-14.

"It was all about raising awareness of the foundation but our customers were also very generous with their donations. The weekend raised £420.38," said human resources manager Marissa Arnold. "Freddie was there to hand out leaflets with his mum on Saturday and granddad on Sunday, so it was bound to be a success."

Some staff came in on their day off, bringing their own children, and shoppers received purple cupcakes for their donations.

"It was a great weekend and people were very supportive," said mum Deanne Farmer. "Freddie's arm got a bit tired but he did a great job. Maybe he'll be an actor one day because he loves the limelight!"

Meanwhile, Freddie's long-term supporters at Shooters Hill Golf deserve another round of applause for raising more than £5,000 for the foundation at their annual golf day.

The competition was won by Reilly's Fois Gras team captained by Mark Flynn, the man who climbed Kilimanjaro for the charity.

Purple pros

Supermarket fundraisers show the colour of their money



FUNDRAISING FUN: Freddie team with Sainsbury's staff

The four-man team included Mark's brother, Sean, Mark's 14-year-old son Reilly and friend Steve Axam. "We were first-time winners, the Bandits as they called us!" said Mark. "Sean was our best player."

Another £500 was raised in a putting competition and this was donated to the Irish Guards for wounded soldiers.

A well-timed coup was getting a signed

Cesc Fabregas shirt before he left Arsenal for Barcelona. Mark said: "I know the chief scout and kit man at Arsenal and got the shirt through them."

● **The Freddie Farmer Foundation is fund-raising to build a specialist physiotherapy centre in SE London for children with severe mobility problems. Find out more at www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk**

Borough BRIEFS

Equestrian Olympic walks

THE GREENWICH Tour Guides Association has created a specialised guided walk of Greenwich Park to mark its participation in the 2012 Olympic Games.

The 90-minute stroll will follow part of the 2012 equestrian cross country course and offers a healthy and educational way to discover historical facts about the royal park. Participants will learn about the fascination sporting heritage, archaeological treasures and important history that has shaped Greenwich Park as well as its role in the Olympic Games. The tours set off at 11am from King William Walk outside the park starting this Sunday, August 28 and will run on August 31, September 25 and 28. Tickets are available in advance or on the day. For information call 07575772298 or email guides@greenwichtours.co.uk

History month what's on guide

ORGANISATIONS that are planning events for Black History Month can get them advertised in a special What's On guide. The October What's On guide will feature in the September 27 issue of Greenwich Time. It will include BHM events from around the borough including art, music, theatre, exhibitions and displays. If you're planning a Black History Month event - or any other October event - please submit details by September 9. You can do this online at www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson



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Best medicine...

Ahead of his Greenwich Comedy Festival appearance next month, funnyman **Omid Djalili** admits he suffers from crippling nerves



THERE'S a good chance that **Omid Djalili** is your favourite Iranian stand-up comedian.

The fact that he's got the market pretty well cornered shouldn't count against him, and he's back in the borough next month when the Greenwich Comedy Festival returns for another year. The festival is fast establishing itself as one of the hottest dates on the comic calendar.

It's on in the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College from September 5-11 and Omid plays the big top stage on Tuesday 6th.

His new show is called *Tour of Duty*. It's an ominous title but the comic insists it has nothing to do with falling out of love with stand up.

"I put out a not-so-serious message on Twitter about what to call the show and I got about 200 responses," he said. "Many of them were very clever. I particularly liked 'The Unbearable Lightness of Being Omid Djalili'. It hadn't jumped out at me straight away but I saw the very first response back was 'Tour of Duty' and I liked it. It reminded me of peace-keeping forces and the fact someone once said I was a bridge between east and west

and I thought, yes, I'm a bridge, and it's about time I started charging a toll. £1 for cars, £2 for lorries and £17 for Smart cars. See how smart they feel now!"

He comes across as a very confident man, but there are times when he is wracked with self doubt. He added: "Last Christmas I did a corporate gig and I was so nervous I couldn't go on. I hadn't done a gig in about a year. The event organisers were getting nervous that I wouldn't go on so they cited all kinds of legality

at me if I failed to perform. As I took to the stage my mind was telling me: 'You're going to die. You're just a fat, needy man pleading for attention. You have no integrity and the act has no artistic merit. That's why I'm here, for the money, not because I care or they care. They don't even like me'."

But he finally plucked up the courage to face the crowd. "I went out with that devil on my shoulder, and on the other shoulder was another one saying: 'listen to the devil on the other shoulder, he's right'."

"Then the opening joke got more laughs than I'd expected. I started thinking: 'they're laughing because you're famous, not because you're funny. It was at that moment I thought 'Wow. They're laughing and I'm not even funny. I'm going on tour'."

He's got no reason to be insecure, he's done two seasons of his own comedy show for BBC1, and starred as Fagin in the West End production of

Oliver. He's also had a US sitcom for NBC *The Paul Reiser Show*, been in Howard Marks' film, *Mr Nice*, and David Baddiel's movie, *The Infidel*.

Omid's a deep thinker when it comes to comedy, and he's worked hard on the structure of the show. "The show's based on an Eleanor Roosevelt quote about the different levels of thinking. She said: 'Great minds talk about ideas, average minds talk about events, and small minds only talk about other people.'"

"In stand-up, you do all those things - you talk about other people, you make sense of events and you elevate lofty ideas. Once you have set up the concept that great minds think about ideas, then you can say things like: 'Doesn't Ed Milliband look like Wallace from Wallace and Grommit?'"

In keeping with most people who are compelled to get on a stage, there is a side to Omid which yearns to please the crowd. "I think it's always important to ask yourself 'what should the audience feel at the end?'"

Omid plays the Greenwich Comedy Festival on September 6. For full line-up and to book tickets visit www.greenwichcomedyfestival.co.uk

ON THE UP: Omid has been in numerous films and has had his own TV show in the last couple of years

Theatre

Hollywood love story



THE story of Mack Sennett, comedy director in the silent movie era, and the silent movie star, Mabel Normand, is told in the latest production at Greenwich Theatre.

Hollywood director and creator of the *Keystone Cops*, Mack stands at the centre of this play with film-star Mabel Normand who he catapulted from Brooklyn waitress to one of his biggest stars.

The play centres around their 'tumultuous romantic relationship' and opens in 1932 in Mack's old studios. It sees Mack reminiscing on memories of decades before with flashbacks taking place in 1911 New York as well as following the couple's journey through to the magic of early 1920s Hollywood. Sennett also worked with Charlie Chaplin and Fattie Arbuckle who is also characterized in the play. Vintage film buffs should know the play includes Sennett's creation of *Bathing Beauties*, with hilarious tap dancing routines and the *Keystone Cops*, with their legendary crazy chases.

The show is presented by a cast from 'The Company Music Theatre' who audition nationally and currently stage shows in Manchester and London. Reminiscing for those of the age or an insight for those who are fascinated by it, audiences can catch these evening performances of the production from August 25 to 27 at Greenwich Theatre.

For more information go to www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk or www.thecompanymusictheatre.org.uk

Question Time session

Gardening surgery

A CELEBRITY panel of experts will try to solve your gardening gripes and grievances at a Gardeners Question time next month.

The gardening surgery is open to all and is on September 29 at The Theatre, Blackheath High School. It'll be hosted by celebrity guest and popular BBC Radio 4 panellist, Matthew Biggs. Also on the panel Derrick Spurr, (now Royal Parks' Olympics project manager), Jillian Smith (the well-known local gardener) and Jim Buttress, former superintendent of Greenwich Park and holder of the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour. Tickets are priced at £7.50 which include a glass of wine are available in advance from Liz Coyle on 020 8852 8831 or on the door from 7pm.

Visit www.friendsogreenwichpark.org.uk

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What's the story?

Dean Beadle pops into
Eltham bookshop Ink
and Folly to digest the
memoirs of Britpop
oddball **Luke Haines**

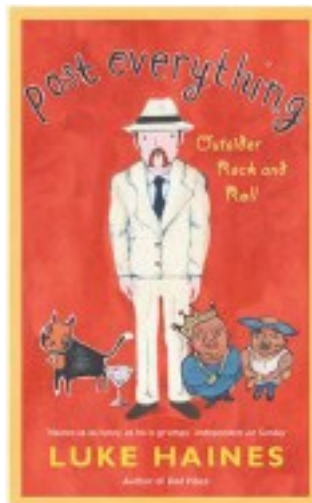
COLDPLAY,
Rihanna and The
Black Eyed Peas.
They are artists
who dominate the
top of the charts and the gossip
pages of the red-tops. However,
it's what quietly happens at the
other end of the Top 100 that is
most compelling. Faded pop stars
vying for a comeback. Current
acts who can't get radio play and
musical outsiders who are just
breaking into the outskirts of the
mainstream. And at some point
or another, **Luke Haines** has been
all three.

One of the forerunners of the
Britpop movement, his new
memoir *Post Everything*:
Outsider Rock And Roll sheds a
little light on what happens at
the bottom end of the charts.
It's easy to imagine Haines doing
off-the-wall readings in elegant
bookshops like Ink and Folly in
Eltham. Perched on the edge of
their huge leather arm chair,
with a handful of devotees sat
cross-legged at his feet, he'd try
to read excerpts from the book
but would soon digress into his
favourite topic: "Things ain't
what they used to be."
The follow up to his first memoir,
Bad Vibes, the book finds the
author in the late 1990s. The
Britpop zeitgeist that he'd helped
instigate was melting away,
leaving him to contemplate
where his life was heading. His
acclaimed band The Auteurs
were in the process of disbanding
and Haines found himself "at
the dawn of the rock and roll
apocalypse". This book charts his
journey as he sets up new band
Blackbox Recorder, finds love
and - horror of horrors - has a hit
single.
A fascinating read for
anyone who is interested in
music (Daniel O'Donnell's
autobiography is probably
best for those who aren't), it
highlights the backroom dealings
and absurdities that occur in the

music industry. Blunt, hilarious
and frequently obscene this book
is a brutally honest account of
the ridiculousness of the world's
most fanciful industry.
What shines through most
strongly is the eccentricity of
its author. But through his
discussions with talking dead
feline friends and his dream
sequences with Biggie Smalls,
Tupac Shakur and Bruce Lee, I
was left wondering whether his
imagination extends itself too far.
The scene where Biggie and
Tupac discuss the pros and cons
of bourbon creams is inspired
(Tupac prefers Custard Creams it
would seem).
Haines is one of music's few
remaining mavericks, and his
spirit leaps off of the pages.
However, sometimes he pushes
the envelope too far and the book
often becomes a self indulgent
stream of consciousness. Of
course in a memoir that can
be forgiven to an extent. If a
writer can't be indulgent in
an autobiography, where can
they? But his habit of filling
whole pages up with footnotes
explaining obscure references
and airing irrelevant opinions
is not only self indulgent but
distracting.
Because the book finds the
author at a crossroads in his life,
reading it often feels like having
front row seats at a midlife crisis.
Though it does add a compelling
car-crash element to the book,
it can also make the reader
feel like a voyeur as the author
finds where he fits in the world.
Luckily his irresistible humour,

cynicism and world-weary
grumpiness save the book from
the jaws of disaster.
And as the book closes, with
the unlikely scenario of Haines
trying to mount a musical at
the National Theatre, you can't
help but admire his artistry and
bloody-mindedness, even if the
author is at times hard to warm
to. Perhaps if there were more
people like Haines in the music
industry the top of the charts
wouldn't be so predictable,
insipid and dull.

Post Everything by Luke Haines
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ponderous writing
style is hit and miss

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tragedy? Nearly. For a love
story but with a difference -
the characters are gnomes.
Gnomeo and Juliet is
the latest animated
offering from Touchstone
Pictures. Written and
directed by Kelly Asbury, and
set to Elton John's record
library - David Furnish was a
producer - it is (very) loosely
based on Shakespeare's
(almost) eponymous tragedy.
The storyline is as expected
with two rival families of
suburban-dwelling gnomes
- the Reds of 2B and the Blues
of, wait for it, not 2 B - at each
other's throats.
But a battle for a rare orchid
leads to a blossoming romance
with "Blue" Gnomeo (James
McEvoy) in one corner and
"Red" Juliet (Emily Blunt) in
the other. While she is egged
on by her best friend garden
frog (Ashley Jensen) to the
horror of her father, Lord
Redbrick, (Michael Caine) he
is held back by Benny (Matt
Lucas) his best friend and his
mother, Lady Blueberry (Maggie
Smith). Numerous other
strange creatures add to the
chaos; a love-struck flamingo
(Jim Cummings) umpteen
blue rabbits and a life-
threatening lawnmower (The
Terrafirmator) with a mind of
its own. Shakespeare himself



(Patrick Stewart) is added to the
fun, his observations on their
revised denouement to his play
both clever and amusing.
While it is fun and it is lively
and it is packed full of puns,
it simply fails to hit home, its
characters too shallow, its
humour too light. This begs a
question of these great actors -
namely why accept the roles? It
is surely not the money, nor the
kudos, nor the script. But acting
is a drug and the actors need
their fix. Be they young (McEvoy)
or be they old (Smith) it's in
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Representations to this application must be made in writing, by **19TH SEPTEMBER 2011** to the Greenwich Council Licensing Authority at Community Safety and Integrated Enforcement, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London SE18 6DN where the register of Licensing applications can be inspected between opening hours upon request.

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)
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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at:-

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If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 24/08/2011

Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

<p>Applicant: Mr Michael O'Reardon LAND ADJACENT TO 1 DOWNMAN ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 Development: Construction of 2 semi-detached houses. Drawing Numbers: 1734/01, 02 Rev A, 03 Rev A, 04 Rev A, 05 Rev A, 06 Rev A, Design & Access Statement and site plan. (Revised Plans received 10/8/11). Library: Eltham Library, 7 Anchery Road SE9 1BA. Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE</p>	10/3339/F	<p>Applicant: Mr M Shepherd 17 BUSHMOOR CRESCENT, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EG Development: Conversion of existing garage into a habitable room together with the erection of a single storey rear and side extension. Drawing Numbers: 1790/01, 1790/02 and Dec 001. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 4QF Conservation Area: SHRENSBURY PARK ESTATE</p>	11/1906/F
<p>Applicant: Mr Daniel Quinn Greenwich Hospital c/o Capita Symonds FORMER PET GROOMING PALOUR, 12A TURNPIN LANE, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Change of use from Sui Generis to Retail (R1) and repainting of the shop front in Ice plant Green. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Nos: 01 & 02, Case Details Doc, Photo Sheet, 001 and Site location plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p>	11/1504/F	<p>Applicant: Mr L Scott 700-702 WOOLWICH ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8LQ Development: Erection of a five storey building comprising of 8 x 3-bed and 5 x 2-bed units and continued use of the tyre repair workshop. (Outline Application) Drawing Numbers: 963/03-02 Rev A (Site Location Plan), 963/GA-01 Rev PL2, 963/GA-02 Rev PL2, 963/GA-03 Rev PL2, 963/GA-04 Rev PL2, 963/GA-05 Rev PL2, 963/GA-06 Rev PL2, 963/GA-07 Rev PL2, 963/GA-08 Rev PL2, 963/GP-01 Rev PL2, 963/00-01 Rev PL2, 963/00-02 Rev PL2, Environmental Noise, Woolwich Road Air Quality Assessment, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 3/8/11. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 4QF Conservation Area:</p>	11/1908/O
<p>Applicant: Greenwich Neighbourhood Services 61 COLERAIN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7PF Development: Replacement of existing roof tiles with Natural Stone. Drawing Numbers: COLR1001/Rev A1, COLR1101/Rev A1 Site location plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WEST COMBE PARK</p>	11/1694/F	<p>Applicant: Mr William Osbourne Harlequin Ltd OUTSIDE MILLENNIUM QUAY LODGE FRONTING STOWAGE, DEPTFORD, SE8 Development: Installation of a Broadband Communications Cabinet. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Nos: 01, 02, 03 & 04, Application for Prior Approval Doc., and Letters dated 4th August 2011. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area:</p>	11/1923/T3
<p>Applicant: Avante Partnerships PLUMSTEAD LODGE, 82 PLUMSTEAD COMMON ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3RD Development: Variation of condition 1 (placing materials) of planning permission dated 18.6.11 Ref: 11/0586/F to allow changes to schedule of external materials. Drawing Numbers: A-380/35A and Letter dated 4.8.11. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 4QF Conservation Area: PLUMSTEAD COMMON</p>	11/1702/N	<p>Applicant: Mr & Mrs Laughlin ROSE COTTAGE, 48 BENNETT PARK, BLACKHEATH, SE3 9RA Development: Construction of a rear conservatory as amendment to approved planning permission dated 17/11/09 ref: 09/1244/F for the construction of a 4-bed dwelling with basement and detached garage. Drawing Numbers: BP-440-ND-C-01, Previously approved drawings: 2505-PD-02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10 and Letter dated 28/07/11. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK</p>	11/1925/F
<p>Applicant: Mr David Johnson 68 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8RT Development: Construction of a second floor rear extension. Drawing Numbers: RD048/2 and Design and Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p>	11/1737/F	Publicity for Listed Building Consent	
<p>Applicant: Kalliar Investments Ltd LAND REAR OF 22A AND 24 PLUMSTEAD HIGH STREET, PLUMSTEAD, SE18 1SL Development: Erection of two, two-storey dwellings. Drawing Numbers: 072 L 01 01 (Site Location Plan), 072 L 02 03 P2, 072 L 02 02 P2, 072 L 03 02 P2, 072 L 03 01 P2, 072 L 02 01 P2, 072 L 04 01 P2, Planning Statement and Design and Access Statement. Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JC Conservation Area:</p>	11/1768/F	<p>Applicant: Mr Anthony Tomlinson 205 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8NB Development: Installation of secondary glazing to first and second floor front elevation windows. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing Nos: 01, 02, 03, The Heritage Range Specification and Site location plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH Listed Building: Grade 2</p>	11/1775/L
<p>Applicant: London Borough of Greenwich THAMESIDE ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTE, BURRAGE GROVE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 7LJ Development: Permanent conversion of ground and first floor of existing building from College to LFE Primary School, together with the inclusion of a HUGA, replacement fence, erection of an external canopy and installation of CCTV equipment with external mounted lighting. Drawing Numbers: 1002, P0001, P0007, P2011, P2012, 2013, P2015, P2016, 1105/S0003 Rev C, Sheet 1 of 1 and Sheet 2 of 2. Library: Design and Access Statement and Transport Statement. Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL Conservation Area:</p>	11/1812/F	<p>Applicant: The Court of Governors University of Greenwich UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH, MARITIME GREENWICH CAMPUS, KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Construction of an enclosed bicycle shelter for 54 bicycles. Drawing Numbers: 485 EW 01, 485 EW 02, 485 EW 03, 485 SWD 01, 485 SWD 02, 485 SWD 03, Photo Sheets: 1 - 6, Location plan, Site plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK Listed Building: Grade 1</p>	11/1827/L
<p>Applicant: The Court of Governors University of Greenwich UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH, MARITIME GREENWICH CAMPUS, KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Construction of an enclosed bicycle shelter for 54 bicycles. Drawing Numbers: 485 EW 01, 485 EW 02, 485 EW 03, 485 SWD 01, 485 SWD 02, 485 SWD 03, Photo Sheets: 1 - 6, Location plan, Site plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK</p>	11/1826/F	Publicity for Conservation Area Consent	
<p>Applicant: G & O Rents Ltd FARNDAL COURT, 1-3 MASTER GUNNER PLACE, WOOLWICH, SE18 Development: Conversion of an existing laundry room, office and wc into a 1-bed flat together with the additional conversion of an existing, part disused sub-basement into a new laundry room, office and bicycle room. Drawing Numbers: 2031/01, 2031/03, 2031/12, 2031/14, 2031/15, 2031/00 (Site Location Plan) and Design and Access Statement. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE10 8RL Conservation Area: WOOLWICH COMMON</p>	11/1857/F	<p>Applicant: Mr David Rees Warwick Avenue Limited 22 MORDEN ROAD MEWS, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0AE Development: Partial demolition of front boundary wall (Option 1). Drawing Numbers: WA-1-109-127-A, WA-1-109-128-A, 105-MORD-300/Rev: 01) and Design and Access Statement. (Amendment to Drawing Numbers) Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK</p>	11/1760/C
<p>Applicant: Mr Thomas Mannion 5 CLAYTON MEWS, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HZ Development: Installation of raised decking to rear and side of property. (Re-submission) Drawing Numbers: PSL-TOP-CLY-100/Rev: 005, CLY-00-03.0, CLY-SE-AB-03.0, CLY-SE-CD-03.0, Design and Access Statement, Site location plan and Letter dated 2nd August 2011. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p>	11/1896/F	<p>Applicant: Mike Bright LBG Children's Services ROYAL HILL SCHOOL SITE, ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8YP Development: Demolition of two outbuildings. Drawing Numbers: PL1000, PL1001, PL1009, PL2000, PL2001, PL2002 and Supporting Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p>	11/1899/C
<p>Applicant: Mike Bright LBG Children's Services ROYAL HILL SCHOOL SITE, ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8YP Development: Demolition of two outbuildings, removal of one tree and installation of three single storey temporary buildings. Drawing Numbers: PL1000, PL1001, PL1009, PL2000, PL2001, PL2002 and Supporting Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p>	11/1898/F	<p>Applicant: Mr M Shepherd 17 BUSHMOOR CRESCENT, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EG Development: Conversion of existing garage into a habitable room together with the erection of a single storey rear and side extension. Drawing Numbers: 1790/01, 1790/02 and Dec 001. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 4QF Conservation Area: SHRENSBURY PARK ESTATE</p>	11/1907/C



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- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order to accommodate road repairs and surface dressing works in Annandale Road, Anstridge Road, Fair Oak Drive, Footscray Road, Grosmont Road, Knockholt Road, Purneys Road and Rockmount Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:
 - prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in any of the roads or lengths of roads specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Notice; and
 - suspend parking places in any of the roads or lengths of roads specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Notice as and when necessary.
- The above road closures and parking suspensions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
- Whilst the road closures specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Notice are in operation, affected traffic will be diverted via the respective roads specified in column 3 of that Schedule.
- The Order will come into force on 1st September 2011 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that each individual road closure will only be in effect for approximately two to four days and that all the works described in this Notice will be completed in two months. Please note that the road closures in Footscray Road will only take place overnight between 9:30pm and 5:00am.
- Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5478.

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Under sevens step up to the crease for summer cricket course

by Dick Townsend-Smith

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Local cricket authorities want to 'catch' them young, and for the first time they are offering courses throughout August specifically for children from three to seven years old.

Greenwich District Cricket is an arm of the Kent Cricket Board and helps to run all aspects of recreational cricket in Greenwich. Events are organised through the Greenwich District Development Group, which has been running summer courses for children aged eight and above for many years. But for the first time, coaching is now available for younger children – particularly those who have been thrilled by the national team's victory run.

The courses provide a basic grasp of the rules and techniques of the game, and take place at the John Roan Playing Fields in Kidbrooke Park Road, opposite Sutcliffe Park from 9.30am until 12.30pm each day.

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